

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-13 are canceled.

14. (Previously presented) A shutter device comprising:  
a shutter blade movable between first and second end positions for selectively opening and closing said shutter device; and  
a member formed of shock absorbing material displaced from a trajectory of the shutter blade moving between said open and closed position for suppressing bounding of said blade when the blade is displaced in a direction toward said member.

15. (Original) A device according to Claim 14, wherein the shutter device is a lens shutter device.

16. (Previously presented) A shutter device comprising:  
a shutter blade; and  
a member formed of a shock absorbing material arranged at a position displaced from a movement trajectory of the shutter blade which is deflected toward said member during movement of the shutter blade or immediately after the movement thereof in a direction substantially perpendicular to a moving direction of the shutter blade whereby the blade engages said member.

17. (Original) A device according to Claim 16, wherein the shutter device is a lens shutter device.

18. (previously presented) A shutter device comprising:

a shutter blade; and

a member formed of a shock absorbing material arranged in a vicinity of a movement trajectory of the shutter blade and being engaged by the shutter blade when the shutter blade moves in a direction transverse to the movement trajectory.

19. (Original) A device according to Claim 18, wherein the shutter device is a lens shutter device.

20. (Currently amended) A shutter device comprising:

a shutter blade;

a guide unit for guiding a portion of the shutter blade in a direction transverse to a path of movement of said blade at a location where the shutter blade is temporarily stopped or finishes the movement of the shutter blade; and

an absorbing member for absorbing ~~kinematic~~ kinetic energy of the shutter blade and positioned to abut the shutter blade portion when the shutter blade is guided by said guide unit.

21. (Original) A device according to Claim 20, wherein the shutter device is a lens shutter device.

Claims 22-34 are canceled.

35. (Previously presented) A device according to Claim 14, wherein the member formed of a shock absorbing material is directly engaged by the shutter blade for suppressing bounding of the blade.

36. (Previously presented) A device according to Claim 18, wherein the member formed of a shock absorbing material is directly engaged by the shutter blade for suppressing bounding of the blade when the blade is moved in the transverse direction by a guide unit.

37. (Previously presented) A device according to Claim 18, wherein the blade moves in the transverse direction due to an abrupt stoppage in movement of the blade.